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SUBJ: MAHARASHTRA STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES STRIKE ENDS

REF: NEW DELHI 7271

FOLLOWING IS COMMENT ON BOMBAY 1261 WHICH REPEATED TO
DEPARTMENT AS NEW DELHI 7271 ON JUNE 3: THE STRIKE
WAS PEACEFUL THROUGHOUT. POLITICAL PARTIES AND POLITICS
PLAYED A NEGLIGIBLE ROLE. THE CHIEF MINISTER IN THE
END WAS LENIENT WITH THE STRIKERS, DESPITE PRESSURE FROM
THE UNION AND A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR A HARD LINE POLICY
FROM THE MAHARASHTRA CONGRESS' LARGE AND INFLUENTIAL RICH
FARMERS' LOBBY. THE GOM HAS GRANTED, BUT MAY TEMPORIZE
IN IMPLEMENTING, ITS ACCEPTANCE "IN PRINCIPLE" OF THE
DEMAND FOR PARITY OF DEARNESS (COST OF LIVING) ALLOWANCE
WITH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. THE STRIKE'S
RELATIVE SUCCESS, COMBINED WITH A RECENT UPTURN IN
INFLATION IN INDIA COULD INSPIRE OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES BOTH IN MAHARASHTRA AND OTHER STATES TO STRIKE
FOR HIGHER WAGES.

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